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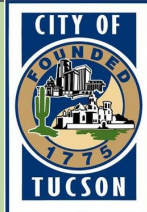
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# Ward 6 Newsletter

## Tucson First

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### First Occupant at ENR2

Last week, I shared about the imminent opening of the new Environmental and Natural Resource building on campus, bemoaning the fact that I wasn't involved in the design or implementation. But at least I can share some of the fun now that it's through major construction and about to be occupied.

In fact, residence has already been taken up by some early arrivals.



These pictures show the hummingbird who built a nest on the data cables now attached to a live webcam. Below is the link to the live shot, and these stills give





### Important Phone Numbers

#### Tucson Police Department

911 or nonemergency  
791-4444

#### Water Issues

791-3242/800-598-9449  
Emergency: 791-4133

#### Street Maintenance

791-3154

#### Graffiti Removal

792-2489

#### Abandoned Shopping Carts

791-3171

#### Neighborhood Resources

837-5013

#### SunTran/SunLink

792-9222

TDD: 628-1565

#### Environmental Services

791-3171

#### Park Wise

791-5071

#### Planning and Development Services

791-5550

#### Pima Animal Care Center

724-5900

#### Pima County Vector Control

Cockroach: 443-6501  
Mosquito: 243-7999

## Continued: A Message From Steve

you an idea of where she's perched. She's sitting on a couple of eggs and the project team has agreed that additional work on and around the camera can wait until her chicks are hatched and out of the house.

If you go to this link in the Planning and Design Services website, you might still see her holding down the fort: [http://www.pdc.arizona.edu/webcam/enr2\\_hummingbird.aspx](http://www.pdc.arizona.edu/webcam/enr2_hummingbird.aspx)

Fun stuff, and emblematic of what the new building stands for, as well as the good work going on at the UA.

### Start Up Tucson

## STARTUP TUCSON A VENTURE COMMUNITY

Start Up Tucson is one of our very cool local entrepreneurial groups. We're working with them in the planning for the 10West event I've written about previously. More on that to come.

One of the Start Up founders, Tony Ford, was recently chosen by Jeep to share his own personal story. The theme is entrepreneurship and, true to form, Tony gave Tucson some great publicity in the video he put together. Also featured in the commercial are Yellow Brick Coffee and Creative Machines, Inc. Click [here](#) to watch it.

Start Up is deeply involved with assisting start-ups to get off the ground and grow. Co-Lab is their 7,000 square foot work and event space where innovators and investors meet. In it, they teach risk-taking strategies, breaking entry barriers, and business collaboration. It's located in the Pioneer Building downtown. If you have any thoughts of starting or growing a business initiative, check them out.

Thryve is another one of their programs geared to incubating businesses and providing them with the tools they need to grow. It's broken into Thryve Impact, a mentoring program, Thryve Express, a five-week program in which entrepreneurs learn how to take an idea into the marketplace, and Thryve Next, a growth accelerator that's focused on growth-oriented companies that are already capitalized up to \$500K.

Thryve is funded by the US Small Business Administration, so it's not just a bunch of local folks pretending to know their stuff. They're recognized and respected on a national level. You can apply to get involved with Thryve [here](#). **The application deadline is August 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

On Thursday, you can join them at CoLab to learn more about the curriculum. Here's information on that: [Info Session](#) | **July 30 | 5:30-6:30pm**

We talk a lot about economic development. We also talk a lot about keeping our talent here in Tucson. Tony and the group over at Start Up Tucson are walking that talk. They're sharing the story of ten start-ups who have graduated through their Thryve Summer incu-

bator program on August 12<sup>th</sup> over at the YWCA. A mixer will start at 4:30pm, followed by the presentations. You need to [RSVP](#) if you want to participate. If you have any interest in honing your own business model, it'd be worth the investment of your time.

There are a lot of dates, times, and events listed above. It shows how active Tony and the folks at Start Up Tucson are.

### Residential Rooftop Solar



I intentionally chose an image of rooftop solar that clearly doesn't come from around Tucson to make a point: that is, *we* should be leading in advocacy for that industry. While I'm fully aware that the long-term tipping point for the development of solar isn't going to come from residential uses, plenty of small local businesses that are providing jobs in our community are directly reliant on residential and business applications. Those are worth both protecting and growing. In doing so, we move

the needle in the right direction with respect to the long-term momentum of the industry in general.

First, let me say that I believe our local partners over at TEP are making good strides in terms of moving towards renewables. Keeping a diverse portfolio of sources of power is important, and they're balancing that well. But on the solar rate issue that's going before the Arizona Corporation Commission, I have to disagree with one of their positions. I've let the ACC know that I do.

Periodically, utilities go before the ACC on rate hearings. That's where the Commission hears evidence from a variety of sources and decides whether or not to approve changes in the way that the utility generates revenue. TEP has let the Commission know that at its next rate hearing, it plans to request that any increases in the solar rate structure be made retroactive to June 1<sup>st</sup> of this year. My concern is the impact that will have on the immediate-term decisions people make with respect to whether or not to 'go solar' on their houses and places of business. Here's a letter I've sent to each of the members of the ACC.

*Dear Commissioner Burns,*

*I write this letter urging the Commission to immediately send a very public message indicating that the efforts of Tucson Electric Power to make solar rates retroactive will be denied.*

*After having withdrawn their application to eliminate net metering from consideration in the context of their rate case, TEP has now indicated a willingness to include it in their next such case. In conjunction with announcing their intent, TEP has also made it clear they will ask that any changes in solar rates be retroactive to June 1, 2015. Such a move will cripple the solar industry as customers unsure of rate spikes will simply wait until the ACC provides clarity. It's that clarity I request of the Commission.*



### Important Phone Numbers

Senator John McCain (R)  
520-670-6334

Senator Jeff Flake (R)  
520-575-8633

Congresswoman Martha McSally (R)  
(2<sup>nd</sup> District)  
(202) 225-2542  
Tucson Office: 520-881-3588

Congressman Raul Grijalva (D)  
(3<sup>rd</sup> District)  
520-622-6788

Governor Doug Ducey (R)  
602-542-4331  
Tucson office:  
520-628-6580

Mayor Jonathan Rothschild  
520-791-4201

ZoomTucson Map  
<http://maps.tucsonaz.gov/zoomTucson/>



*In a free market, buyers must be assured of the costs associated with the purchase of goods and services. Where uncertainty exists, the market is hampered and stagnates. This is exactly the net result one can anticipate if the ACC does not declare now that any rate changes adopted going forward will become effective at the time agreed, and not on a retroactive basis. Failing that, solar customers will sit on the sidelines, and businesses will suffer until everybody knows the cost of entry.*

*Demonstrating the Commission's clear intention to refuse any retroactive rates is the key to the short term health of the solar industry.*

*Thank you for your consideration and for taking this issue under advisement.*

Rates for all forms of energy are going up. We all recognize that. But holding our local businesses hostage to retroactive rate increases will be detrimental to them, possibly costing local jobs, and possibly keeping people like us out of the market for solar until we know the rates we'll be paying.

### **Vamos a Tucson Baseball Fiesta**



Thanks to the hard work of Felipe Garcia of Visit Tucson, Mike Feder of the Tucson Padres, some of my co-workers in the UA Athletics department, and Council Member Fimbres, the Mexican baseball fiesta is moving from Kino Stadium to Hi Corbett Field in midtown. Ward 6 is proud to have international baseball back at the 'yard.'

For the past two seasons, the UA has been the anchor tenant out at Hi Corbett. We continue to be, but this year the Fiesta will bring a new kind of excitement to the stadium. From October 1<sup>st</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup>, the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Mexican Baseball tournament will feature teams from Hermosillo, Ciudad Obregon, Baja, California, and Sinaloa. It's the final weekend before they start regular season play back home, so the players you'll see will be the real deal, not the B squad we used to get from some of the Spring Training teams playing here.

This is as much a cultural event as it is a sporting event. The music, food, and activities in and around the park will be every bit reflective of 'south of the border.' Come and plan on having a great time, even if you're not the most ardent baseball fan. You'll find plenty to enjoy.

This is a big deal from an economic standpoint. We plan to see over 1,700 room nights in local hotels, 5,000 fans at the final game, and the restaurants in the area will be stuffed. The UA football team will be on the road to Stanford that weekend, so this is the best and only show in town.

Get ticket information by going to [www.mexicanbaseballfiesta.com](http://www.mexicanbaseballfiesta.com). They'll also be on sale at the Hi Corbett box office on September 8<sup>th</sup>.

## Arizona League of Cities and Towns

The City of Tucson pays each year to be a member of the League. It's a member-driven organization whose mission is to advocate legislatively for the interests of localities. I want to share two resolutions the League is supporting that can have an impact on midtown and the region generally.

The first resolution has to do with *flight paths* that could have an adverse impact on residential communities. The specific language has to do with urging the FAA to improve communications with Cities when they're considering changes in planes' incoming and departure routes. My hope is that the same sort of consideration might spill over to the Department of Defense and how they impact residential areas.

The specific airports mentioned in the reso are Sky Harbor in Phoenix, Tucson International, Phoenix-Mesa Gateway, Scottsdale Airport, Deer Valley Airport, Falcon Field, Glendale Airport, and Phoenix Goodyear. As you can see, they're mostly up in the Maricopa County region, but TIA is included. They plan a second runway out there, so now's a good time to begin the discussion about flight impacts.

Here's the specific language from the resolution:

### Resolution TIPW 1

Urge the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to improve its communication with municipalities when studying changes to potential flight paths that would have a significant adverse aircraft noise impact on residential communities, and urge Congress to amend key portions of the FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012 that would help achieve the aforementioned request.

This is really coming from an interest in improving the Sky Harbor Airport's efficiency at being our regional hub. I won't try to describe all of the technological changes they're implementing (because I don't understand them), but I will say that the way they're scheduling arrivals and departures to and from the airports I listed above will have an impact on municipalities located in the areas. Having to spend millions of dollars on noise mitigation efforts isn't something that any of can afford.

I hear regularly from constituents concerned with the overflight issues related to Davis-Monthan Air Force Base. It will be interesting to see if we can begin a similar conversation at that level. The FAA League resolution is a start.

The other resolution has to do with *cross-border trade*.

In resolution TIPW3, the League advocates for the accelerated design and construction of SR189, the highway that runs from the Mariposa point of entry at the border up to the I19. It's absolutely key for us to expand that roadway if we're going to take full advantage of our trade opportunities with Mexico. Texas, New Mexico, and California have done a very good job of upgrading their entry infrastructure, and truckers cannot afford to sit and wait in lines.

Currently, construction funding isn't planned to arrive until 2021. If we wait another six

years to do this work, the trade routes we hope to establish will have gone elsewhere. Expediting this funding is the most important domestic issue that our Congressional delegation has to address.

Mariposa is one of the ten busiest cargo ports on the border. The recent expansion of the points of entry was a needed improvement, but the roadways on both sides of the border still constitute a bottleneck. It's like cleaning your faucet head, but leaving a blockage in the pipes. Water will still just trickle through.

The entire State benefits from this work. Mexico is Arizona's number one trading partner, so implementing this improvement facilitates trade for the entire State. Three years ago, Mayor and Council put a set of economic incentives together for the land along the aerospace corridor. Development opportunities are sitting waiting to happen. The upgrade to SR189 is a critical element in that.

This statement appears in the reso:

*A robust relationship with Mexico provides many opportunities for Arizona businesses, and helps grow our economy. If we neglect to make this needed investment, our Mexican trading partners will look to Texas and other border states for business-friendly transportation infrastructure that facilitates trade.*

Accelerating the construction of SR189 is simply not something this state can ignore. We hear a ton about growing jobs and economic development. This project answers a lot of those questions.

### **Ronstadt Transit Center Development**

#### **Toole & 6<sup>th</sup> Ave**



On Wednesday of last week, Amy, Diana, and I joined a couple of hundred others at the TCC to hear and see the Phase II proposals for the development of the Ronstadt Transit Center (RTC). The image at left comes from the Alexander/Campbell team. The principals in the other team are Schwabe/Swaim. There's an image of their proposal on the next page.

This site is the key to topping off eastside downtown redevelopment. It sits on Congress, directly across the street from huge economic development successes along the Rialto Block and south to Broadway. A new AC Marriott hotel is breaking ground a block to the south, and to the southwest new housing and retail is going in at Broadway and Stone. Seeing the RTC develop will be a benefit to the entire Tucson area, not just to downtown.



Both proposals included some open space, retail, housing, and the transit component required by the Federal rules governing the use of the site. The Alexander/Campbell proposal estimates a cost of around \$50M, while the Schwabe/Swaim budget estimates something north of \$170M. Both would require some level of public funding involvement, but only the Alexander/Campbell team identified what that would be and at what level. Any public funding will have to be supported by the State Constitutional Gift Clause guidelines.

During the Wednesday presentation, audience members had the chance to write questions for each team. Those will be answered in the next 30 days, and we expect to get a recommendation from the selection committee before the end of this year. Following that, the terms of a development agreement will be drawn up, and our final approval of the winning project should come in the middle of next year.

It was clear that both groups wanted to include local design professionals in their teams. Both did. Now they'll tweak their proposals in accordance with the input they received from the public, and the selection committee will begin its evaluation process based on the final submissions. This is a big economic opportunity for the region. Six years ago, the City was on the cusp of making a very bad economic decision: building a luxury hotel and using the City's General Fund as the backstop of the financing. We avoided that mistake, and now we have a chance to take this huge step in the right direction.

This site is to downtown development as the SR189 project is to statewide economic development. We get both of them right, and it means a fundamental change in our budget discussions going forward.

### **Warrant Day**

The City has a backlog of over 40,000 warrants, most of which were issued for failure to appear in court. Most of those resulted from driving with a suspended license or some other traffic violation. They amount to \$120M in uncollected fines. Each year, we have to write off some of these as bad debt so our bond rating isn't negatively impacted. But we continue to try to collect them. If you have one of them, you're not off the hook when we do the write-off. They're still on your record, and they can take you to jail if you don't clear them.

On Saturday, August 8<sup>th</sup> we're going to hold a Warrant Day at City Court. It's not a total amnesty because each case will have to be cleared. That will involve working with the Court to come to a plea agreement which could include payment plans for reduced fines, agreeing to some sort of classes, or agreeing to appear at a future court date. However it works out, though, you won't have to drive around worrying about getting busted if you're pulled over, and the City will be able to finally clear the debt from its books.



If you're not sure this applies to you, you can check by going to the City Court website at [www.tucsonaz.gov/courts](http://www.tucsonaz.gov/courts). There's a "see if you have a warrant" link. We haven't tried this in the past, so everyone on the Council will watch how it goes to see if we might adopt it in other areas that are currently being cashiered as bad debt.

The Court is located at 103 E Alameda. The event will run all day on the 8<sup>th</sup>. I'd suggest getting there early so you can minimize your wait.

### Photo Radar

Next month, the City is scheduled to decide whether or not it will extend the American Traffic Solutions (ATS) contract for another year. That's the company that runs the photo radar program in the City. The company no longer holds a County contract because the Board of Supervisors ended the program earlier this year. The City has eight camera intersections, plus the two mobile vans you have seen around town. Since the initial contract was written to ATS, well over 300,000 citations have been given by the photo radar system.



In November, the voters will have their say on whether or not photo radar will continue to exist within City limits. A local group gathered enough petition signatures to get this question on the November ballot:

OFFICIAL TITLE: TRAFFIC JUSTICE

Photo: A.E. Araiza/Arizona Daily Star

AMENDING CHAPTER 20, ARTICLE I, SECTION 20-2 OF THE CITY CODE AND LIMITING THE DEFINITION OF VIOLATION AND RESTRICTING CITY ACTIONS EXCEPT THAT IT SHALL NOT BE A VIOLATION IF EVIDENCE IS GATHERED THROUGH THE USE OF ANY AUTOMATIC PHOTO RED LIGHT CAMERAS OR ANY AUTOMATIC SPEED CAMERAS SUCH AS WERE IN USE BY A PRIVATE CONTRACTOR FOR TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY IN 2012.

THE CITY SHALL NOT USE, OR CONTRACT FOR THE USE OF, SUCH TECHNOLOGY OR ANY TECHNOLOGY FOR TRAFFIC CONTROL THAT DOES NOT PRODUCE A HUMAN, ON-SITE, EYEWITNESS TO VIOLATIONS WHO IS ABLE TO TESTIFY IN COURT.

In FY14 we paid ATS about \$1.2M to run the program. We also brought in about that much, so this isn't about making a ton of cash for the City. Here's the pricing page that appeared in the Request for Proposals. Like the private prison contracts the State issues, this sets up an incentive to cite.

CITY OF TUCSON DEPARTMENT OF PROCUREMENT  
255 W. ALAMEDA, 6TH FLOOR, TUCSON, AZ 85701  
[Christina.Pryor@tucsonaz.gov](mailto:Christina.Pryor@tucsonaz.gov)

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NO. 130763  
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PRINCIPAL CONTRACT OFFICER: CHRISTINA PRYOR, CPPB  
PH: (520) 837-4131 / FAX: (520) 791-4735

### PRICE PROPOSAL PAGE (2-year term)

#### FEE PER PAID CITATION

Paid citation is defined as a citation resulting in any of the following:



- Pleading responsible and paying the fine
- Found responsible and paying the fine
- Found responsible and fine suspended
- Found not responsible and attendance at a defensive driving program

**TIER 1****Fixed Red Light Enforcement System with Capability up to Four Lanes**

Fee for each of the first 95 paid citations per month per camera: \$52.00

**Mobile Photo Traffic Enforcement Unit**

Fee for each of the first 250 paid citations per month per camera: \$59.00

**Fixed Speed Enforcement System**

Fee for each of the first 95 paid citations per month per camera: \$52.00

**TIER 2****All Enforcement Types**

Each additional paid citation per camera: \$23.00

**ADDITIONAL ITEMS**

Process Service (each): \$37.00 (In Pima County); \$55.00 (Out of Pima County); \$100.00 (Out of Arizona)

**Other Violations:**

Seat Belt \$10.00

Driver License \$10.00

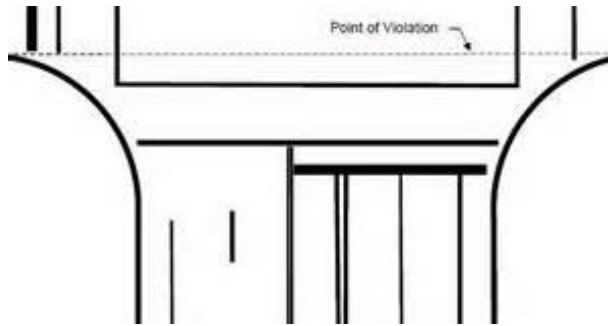
Vehicle Registration \$10.00

The City asked for reduced rates in case the term of the agreement was for longer than two years. The City also receives about \$130 per traffic school class, so the revenue isn't just from tickets.

When we were first asked to extend the ATS agreement, TPD brought in crash data from the intersections at which the cameras are sited. In some cases, the number of accidents had decreased since the cameras were installed. In others, they hadn't. The data didn't show severity of accident, nor did it show how many of them were attributable to rear-end collisions due to people braking to avoid rolling into the intersection and getting caught by the camera. We don't know how many people simply avoid those intersections now, and we don't have the data for other nearby intersections to see if those traffic flow numbers have increased. So, while we're saying the crash data shows the cameras reduce accidents, and it might, there are too many other factors to base a vote on that alone.

One thing we do know is that since the ATS contract first went into effect, just over 25% of all civil traffic violations that have gone to City Court have come from the photo radar systems. That's a chunk of cases for the Court to adjudicate, and those violations may have resulted in some of the warrants we're now trying to mitigate. Another piece of the data we don't have is how many of the tickets resulted from improper definition of where the intersection begins. I mentioned above the pricing provides an incentive to issue citations. You

may think the intersection starts at the 'stop line' behind the crosswalk. In fact, the intersection at which the camera is focused starts farther ahead of that, at the lateral extension of the curbs.



So if you're rolling through the intersection and think you're safe because you've passed the 'stop line' behind the crosswalk, you're wrong. The graphic shows where you actually legally enter the intersection, and if you're not there when the light turns red, you're getting a citation.

Since you'll be deciding this at the ballot in the fall, I've shared my feelings with our procurement people that doing anything beyond a month-to-month extension, if any extension, to the ATS contract now would be inappropriate. Purchasing doesn't (and shouldn't) act on advice from us, but I think the point was well taken. We'll see. And then we'll see what you all feel in November.

### **Massage Parlor Investigation**

Some movement towards closure happened last week as TPD command announced discipline for several of the officers who were under investigation for inappropriate contact with an alleged prostitution ring operating out of local massage parlors. You've read the stories in the Star. They're conducting a survey to judge the public's reaction to how this process has been handled. You can go online to [Tucson.com](http://Tucson.com) and find how to participate.

I fully understand and appreciate the need for sensitivity surrounding what records are released and when. People deserve a day in court untainted by rumor and suspicion. But there are two parts of this process that need some reflection in case similar incidents occur in the future. One was the release of hundreds of names that had absolutely nothing to do with the alleged crimes being investigated. Mine was one of them, and a few weeks back I shared in this newsletter that I had requested an investigation into my own involvement in order to force the City to clear my name. The response was that there was nothing to investigate and so nothing to clear. But the many, many others whose names are still floating around waiting for social media and blogs to release them are still vulnerable to accusations. Bad move by the City.

The other part of this I'd rethink can actually still be achieved. I wrote a guest piece for the Star that ran last Friday. I'll reprint it here as a lead-in to this second point:

*City employees and others were recently accused of buying sex at local massage parlors. Disciplinary actions have been announced for some, charges are still being reviewed for others, and the issue of criminal charges is yet to be decided by the county attorney.*

*The coverage has focused on police officers who were allegedly involved.*

*For me, the type of uniform they were wearing is irrelevant. The message should simply be that our women are not for sale, to anybody, and if you try to buy one,*

*you're going to jail. Exploitation of another person is not OK. And abusing a power relationship is exploitation.*

*Prostitution is not a victimless crime. The women and girls involved are exploited physically, chemically and psychologically. It's not a harmless activity in which two people choose to swap cash for a good time. Back at the ranch, there's a pimp awaiting the return of the woman involved. And that's where this becomes a blood sport that does not have a "happy ending" for her.*

*My Ward 6 office organizes what's called Project RAISE. That stands for Responsible Alternatives to Incarceration for the Sexually Exploited. In RAISE, we set up an intake center on a given night, and any woman busted by police for prostitution is brought there instead of to court, and eventually to jail.*

*At the intake center, we offer diversion into a case management program where the woman is given drug counseling, help with gaining job skills, protection from domestic violence threats. The counseling team assesses the needs of each qualifying woman or girl, and instead of spending time behind bars, she's released on her own recognizance and allowed to take part in the diversion program. Upon completion, charges are dropped.*

*During our most recent RAISE, we saw 15 women come through. Eleven of them chose diversion over jail. That night I saw women whose ages ranged from late teens to 40s. I saw people who were struggling with drug addiction, a hammer held over their head by their pimp. I saw some who feared physical retribution if she didn't bring home a wad of cash.*

*Fear does some strange things, and some of those were the ones who refused diversion. That's sad. They're victims.*

*Every john who buys sex is facilitating the dehumanizing and dysfunctional condition in which the women are operating. Some are addicts who rely on a pimp for their fix. Some are controlled by physical violence.*

*These are not simply two consenting adults out for a good time. If you believe that it is, come and observe a RAISE and your perspective will change.*

*While the city may not have the resources to investigate everybody who was involved in the massage-parlor issue, we should continue to clean our own house. Any city workers who were involved in criminal activity should be terminated. Prostitution is not just "boys being boys" and the city should not treat it as such. The massage-parlor issue is a blot on the image of every department and agency whose employees were involved. We cannot tolerate the exploitation of the women and girls in our community. Those who buy sex are enabling that to occur.*

*Parents, teach your boys that these are not "one-night stands" with no consequence. Teach your boys to respect our girls. They're not a commodity to be purchased. Teach your boys that "macho" is protecting and treating the women and*



*girls in our community as though they're your sisters. Because they are.*

The point that can still be addressed is following up on the involvement of other City workers. This may or may not be an exclusively public safety agency issue. I doubt that it is. The taxpayers deserve to know whether their dollars are enabling the activities I refer to in the editorial.

If you read some of the contemporary literature on sex trafficking and how to break the cycle, when you get beyond the stark reality of physical threats and drug addictions, the bare bones reality is that many of the women caught in the trade lack healthy social connections. The phrase used to develop that idea is that the *opposite of addiction is not sobriety, the opposite of addiction is connection*. In Project RAISE, we are focused on providing the basis for reconnecting by way of job skills, group sessions, and just providing the pathway for the women to begin to bear being present to themselves in their own lives. Every 'John' represents a barrier to that reconnection, and ultimately to healing a life.

It's good this investigation is finally moving towards closure. As I stated in the editorial, there's more work to be done in terms of cleaning our own house. That would simply be a step on the path of working towards a goal of zero demand.

#### **More Closure on a Local Social Issue**



Last week, I shared about the protest that had been planned to take place around the Islamic Center (ICT) just off campus. In the run-up to the manufactured event, the organizer had tried to incite discord, inviting protesters to bring weapons and make some sort of anti-Islamic statement. On the other

side was a group who felt it their duty to stand up against the hatred being displayed, even if it meant lending legitimacy to the protest. The leadership of ICT made efforts to meet and begin dialogue with the anti-Islam protesters. They were rebuffed. The leadership also made it clear to the counter-protest group that ICT did not want them to come and engage the protest group. They were ignored, as it was that group alone who showed up with signs.

The night after the planned protest, dozens of us gathered at the ICT in a show of unity. We certainly didn't agree on matters of doctrine, but we were of one accord in saying the activities of the days and weeks before did not reflect the character of Tucson and our residents. I was gratified to see a very diverse set of people in attendance.

In addition to the members of ICT, the unity meeting included Presbyterians, the leadership of No More Deaths, members of Most Holy Trinity Parish, members of the local Jewish community, Methodists, a representative of the UA Interfaith Council, a Latter Day Saints representative from Sahuarita, the leadership of the Little Chapel of All Nations, residents from the surrounding neighborhoods, and us from Ward 6. Pretty diverse group of folks, but a unified message.

This verse appears in the Torah:

As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good in order to bring about this present result (50:20 NASB)

The group gathered at ICT last weekend reflected on the reality that whereas the protest was intended to cause harm to our unity as a community, it ended up bringing together a group that otherwise would not have gotten connected. Irony's often intriguing.

### Pima Animal Care

I'll close with this short comment on the article Patrick McNamara penned for the Sunday Star. In it, he exposed health and safety violations that have been going on out at PACC since 2011. Evidently many have been addressed, but clearly not all.

During the recent series of exchanges related to Bond language for the upcoming November package, the County Administrator made a point of saying the City (presumably any jurisdiction) shouldn't have placed items on the ballot if we didn't have the money to maintain them. I looked for evidence of the County intending to withhold their Bond projects from the ballot if they don't remedy the PACC violations within 120 days. Nothing like that to be found.



Any business asking for a Certificate of Occupancy or any business or residential remodel being inspected would not be allowed to operate with extension cords substituting for electrical lines protected in conduit, electrical outlets not protected by Ground Fault Interrupters, no training to employees on how to handle and dispose of hazardous materials, or contaminated waste runoff pooling next to the facility. For the health and safety of the animals and the workers, I'm glad to have read in the story that the County is finally getting after it.

I hear we're sharing language on the Bond Ordinance that speaks to the 120 day mandate from the County that jurisdictions abate what they perceive to be maintenance violations. Instead of hearing though, I'd like to see. I've let the parties involved know.

Sincerely,

Steve Kozachik  
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## Events and Entertainment

### **Free Tour of Watershed Management Group's Living Lab & Learning Center**

**Saturday, August 8, 2015, 8:00 am to 9:15 am**

**1137 N Dodge Blvd.**

Watershed Management Group is offering free tours at their Living Lab & Learning Center in central Tucson on the second Saturday of every month. WMG Instructor Joaquin Murrieta will guide you around the Living Lab highlighting active and passive rainwater-harvesting features, the benefits of composting toilets, food production in our food forest, and our solar power system in addition to other regenerative development for your home and community. Bring a hat, sunscreen, and water bottle, and be prepared to stand and walk for 45 - 60 minutes around the Living Lab. Register at [watershedmg.org](http://watershedmg.org).

### **Sign up to volunteer for Tucson Meet Yourself**

**2015 Festival Dates: October 9 - 11, 2015**

If you have ever considered learning more about the diversity in our community and are interested in sharing your skills or learning new ones, then join the Southwest Folklife Alliance in supporting Tucson's premier Folklife Festival. To become a volunteer, follow the link below and take a moment to create a volunteer profile with your interests and availability.

[www.tucsonmeetyourself.org/volunteer/](http://www.tucsonmeetyourself.org/volunteer/)

## Ongoing . . . .

**Mission Garden**, 929 W Mission Ln

Saturdays 8 am — 12 pm, April to November; 12 pm — 4 pm, December to March

A re-creation of the Spanish Colonial walled garden that was part of Tucson's historic San Agustin Mission. Features Sonoran Desert-adapted heritage fruit-trees, traditional local heirloom crops and edible native plants. *For guided tours call 520-777-9270 and leave message.*

**Children's Museum Tucson**, 200 S 6<sup>th</sup> Ave

Tuesday - Friday: 9:00am - 5:00pm; Saturday & Sunday: 10:00am - 5:00pm

[www.childrensmuseumtucson.org](http://www.childrensmuseumtucson.org)

**Tucson Botanical Gardens**, 2150 N Alvernon Way

““ Summer Oasis Series”” June through August features special hours, early bird weekends and dog admission. <http://www.tucsonbotanical.org>

**Jewish History Museum**, 564 S Stone Ave

[www.jewishhistorymuseum.org](http://www.jewishhistorymuseum.org)

**Fox Theatre**, 17 W Congress St

[www.FoxTucsonTheatre.org](http://www.FoxTucsonTheatre.org)

**Hotel Congress**, 311 E Congress St

<http://hotelcongress.com>



**Loft Cinema**, 3233 E Speedway Blvd  
[www.loftcinema.com](http://www.loftcinema.com)

**Rialto Theatre**, 318 E Congress St  
<http://www.rialtotheatre.com/>

**The Rogue Theatre** at The Historic Y, 300 E University Blvd  
<http://www.theroguetheatre.org/main.htm>

**Arizona State Museum**, 1013 E University Blvd  
November 9, 2013, through July 2015, “Curtis Reframed: The Arizona Portfolios.”  
[www.statemuseum.arizona.edu](http://www.statemuseum.arizona.edu)

**Arizona Theater Company**, 330 S Scott Ave  
<http://www.arizonatheatre.org/>

**Tucson Museum of Art**, 140 N Main Ave  
May 25, 2015 - September 7, 2015: FREE Admission for Military Families.  
[www.TucsonMuseumofArt.org](http://www.TucsonMuseumofArt.org)

**Meet Me at Maynards**, 311 E Congress St (north entrance on Toole)  
A social walk/run through the Downtown area. Every Monday, rain or shine, holidays too!  
Hotel Congress Check-in begins at 5:15pm.  
[www.MeetMeatMaynards.com](http://www.MeetMeatMaynards.com)

**UA Mineral Museum**, 1601 E University Blvd  
February 7, 2015 — February 7, 2016, 10:00 am — 5:00 pm  
"Meet the Trilobites — Arizona's First Inhabitants," the new exhibit at the Flandrau Science Center and Planetarium, features world-class trilobite fossils from around the globe.  
<http://www.uamineralmuseum.org/>

**Southern Arizona Transportation Museum**, 414 N Toole Ave.  
Tuesday — Thursday, Sunday: 11:00am - 3:00pm; Friday & Saturday: 10:00am - 4:00pm  
<http://www.tucsonhistoricdepot.org>